## FIRST AIR DEPOT OF A.E.F. AT FRONT FAST WINDING UP

Colombey-les-Belles Supplied Fighting Squadrons to the End

BOCHE BOMBS NEVER GOT IT

Yank Ingenuity Made Station Powerful Factor in Furnishing "Eyes of Infantry"

In a little green valley, hidden away amid the hills of the Lorreine region, 16 kilometers south of Toul, the blows of countless hammers are vicing today with the crash of falling walls and the reverber-

roar of giant airplanes. First Aviation Depot at Colombey The First Aviation Depot at Colomosy-less-Belles, placed within 40 kilometers of the front lines, which served as the neck of the bettle through which flowed all avi-ation personnel and supplies to and from the front, is leaving France. Part of it is going to Germany. Most of it is going home.

home.

In this green valley, mantled every night in a protecting mist which baffled the Boche aviators who came over time and again to destroy it, rested the cradle of America's aviation efforts—the last supply link in the great artery which ran from the spruce forests of the Pacific Northwest to the aerial spearhead on the Western front.

#### Air Spearhead of Front

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he soldiers so actively engaged in

be Yanks. The infinitry and Article 19 to front was crying for anything that a be obtained.

In the obtained of Al-Service troops arrived to the first long of the Felics. This was after a constant of the Felics. This was after a constant of the French, who declared it was near the lines. And for the first three this the depot personnel comprised the bers of the Sith, 89th and 90th Aero drons, and seven officers and 450 men. field, now comparatively dry, and so that there has not been a landing ity or casualty in six months, was then inc, so mirry that frequently planes, on ing, buried their noses deep in the

#### Spring Saw Work Jump

on.

Every unit kept the depot informed as personnel at the front, without any usessen paper work, and enabled it to send placement quickly and efficiently. The pot had the pool, and the squadrons were atomatically supplied from it.

### For Those Who Fell

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And there are two drawers, lying o' too of a plain field table against the wall and gradiene. Partories had been protected for a halt million gallons of gast wounded aviators. When the story of A six months' painstaking search by Capt. George W. Zinn, former member of the Lafayette Esseadrille, has pared this total to about nine or ten. The graves of all the others have been found, and there is supply buildings, storehouses and arracks, while the fifth state of five and the store seem to be not use as to where they were last seen.

Their graves lie in the North Sea, in Germany, Italy and Serial. Some one may known of them. Captain Zinn, who has been stored to the control of the days and alghts ground the depot to tell of its operations when the Germann were making their gisantle bid for victory; of the days and nights spont on the front by the wrecking crews, salvasing fallen planes, whose site had been sent in earlier by wire.

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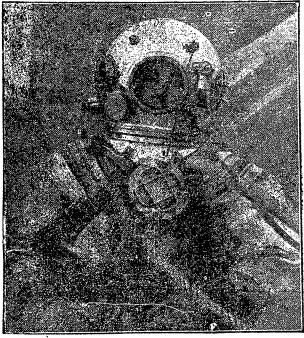
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### STILL WEARING TIN HAT





been outlined for the Army of Occupation. Within two weeks an organization will be ment for every unit of the American Army from Rotterdam to Coblenz.

A chain of theaters that will cover every

A chain of theaters that will cover overy [Francis Essir, slack wire walker; Cpl. C. F. point, even including the tiniest hamlets [Farker, Jr., slack wire walker and balancer; in the Rhineland, is planned, and at Antwerp an Entertainment Bureau will be clown; Sgt. J. J. Florton, wrestler and established that will promote and direct the vast entertainment program. Capt. J. O. Donovan, formerly entertainment officer of the First Army, will have charge of the bureau.

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According to present plans, a play factory similar to the one at Tours is to he opened at Antwerp. In this play factory the soldier-players of the Army of Occupation will be written, costumes and scenery made and all productions completely equipped and outfitted. Many experienced show writers, producers and scenic men from the old S.O.S. entertainment staff will be assigned to Antwerp, and these men will assist Captain Donovan in inaugurating the entertainment program in Germany and Holland.

Much of the theatrical equipment and

supplies used by the players of the S.O.S.
will be turned over to the new entertainment organization as the troops in France
are evacuated and plan of stretching a
chain of theaters over the Army of Occupation area will preatly strengthen the
present system of entertainment in Gerinany. Under the new plan it will be possuble to route shows in such manner that
y they will be able to play the circuit with
no difficult, long jumps or tedious delays.
And the number of entertainments which
to the men will be able to enjoy will be
greatly increased. The pretentious musical
comedies and dramas now in the process
of making will be staged in the immense
fosthulls and theaters of Germany, which
have exceptionally good facilities for the
presentation of claborate productions.

Besides, in the Army of Occupation there
are many amateur theatrical performers
and also scores of veterun professional
players.

A strong man.

Mono Ben Hamo and Hadji Ben Hamo,
Arabian circusmen serving with the A.E.F.
will offer an acrobatic feature with 13 other

equipment; and there, again, were stored the thousands upon thousands of gallons of

juggiling and acrobatic act.

Gus Castleman, said to be the first man

ever to do a double loop-the-loop on a Others who are to be on the program are

Francis Essig, slack wire walker; Cpl. C. F.

Besides there will be about a dozen bron

The big tent will soon be nitched in Borleaux, and after several performances there the tour of the A.E.F. will begin.

When the A.E.F., with the end of hostilities, began producing shows it was im nediately seen that girly-girly choruse

In order that members of the A.E.F. and the people of the United States may see the workings of the Army Play Fractory at Tours, a film will soon be made which will show the processes Army plays go through before being released for A.E.F. theaters.

That same A.E.F. Play Factory at Tours by the way will be nearly doubled in size with the addition of three new stages and three new rehearsal rooms. This week more than 250 men will be rehearsed.

The second lieutenant is to have his in ning on the army vauseville stage. A new sketch written at the Tours Play Factor is entitled "Picking 'em Off." It is a gin gery skit, full of bright patter that avenge the gold-bar wearers in satisfactory fash ion.

## German objectives. There were arranged the aerial camerias, and there the plates, were developed. There, too, were packed the observation balloons and all necessary the observation balloons and all necessary. FARMERS ANY MORE

## SALVAGING GUNS IS NO SMALL JOB

Just Ask Ordnance Repair Shop at Mehun if You Think It Is

When, on November 11, 1918, the sign ing of the armistice suspended hostilities here was left on the battlefields of Francia find Belgium such a vast array of wa naterial that only when it was gathere

ocen shipped, with practically every gun ir

127,911 U.S. Rilles Saved

Up to April 1, the small arms and mahine gun division has received 275 caroads of small arms and repaired and
hipped 120 carloads. More than 333,095
ides of United States manufacture have
seen received, of which 127,911 lave been
required and shipped. Also, 148,357 Gernam rifles were received, of which 33,553
ver shipped. More than 16,299 United
states machine guns have been received,
1,232 being put back into service; and of
1,173 German machine guns, 535 have been
tent out.

### Wood Shipped to Third Army

nave been made there. More that is discussed in the chines worth about \$10,000, make up the wood shop equipment. Some of the orders filled include 1,700 scis of crates for 75-inillimeter guns (four rartes and two boxes to each set); \$30,000 blocks for blocking artillery on cars; 19,000 blocks for blocking artillery on cars; 19,000 rartes for shipping 190,000 German rides; 1,100 bayonet boxes; 500 boxes for ride stocks; 1200 crates for machine gun tribods; 125,000 packing blocks for rifles.

## WILL YANK AND BOCHE **CHUM IN PEACE TIME?**

Prospect Unlikely, Even if Rule Is Lifted, Say A. of O. In-the-Knowers

There is speculation throughout the American Army of Occupation as to the regulations which will govern fraternization following the signing of peace.

Curiosity as to whether the present regulations, forbidding all American soldiers from accepting hospitality, or even holding conversation with German subjects, except in an official or business capacity, will be continued has aroused general discussion.

gulations when the Army first reached rmany it is not improbable that many the invitations extended by German milies might have been accepted without y questioning of the molive for such ique hospitality. Now, however, the nericans have come to regard the Ger-ins in a different light than when we st came here from the devastated see-

mans in a different light than when we first came here from the devastated sections of France. "We have lived in the midst of these people for some four months without fraternizing, and the thing has become a habit. Our Army has its own recreations and anusements. We are independent of any favors, social or otherwise, at the hands of the German people. "Another point is that the German attitude has changed since the first weeks after our arrival. The Germans have seen that we did not care to notice their extended right hand and have withdrawn it. They have come to adopt our attitude, one of dignified aloofness. This will not be materially changed by the mere lifting of a military regulation."

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#### A BUCK'S DIARY

Proving That a Cook Can Cut Out a Top, and a Top Can Cut Out a Buck and You'd Ought to Be Off Girls Anyway

start in and tell the hole thing just as it happened because they is a lot of fellows who knows how it did happen and if I don't put it down here rite Maggie might hear about it anyway and then I would be out of hick so far as my diary is concerned. This morning I got up to go on K.P. and first thing I did was start in looking for the cook that took my girl to the show. I thought I might as well have it over with before the Top got up and then have it off my mind. I went in the kitchen and stood round the stove for a while but the cook I was waiting for dishrt show up until about six. So when he come I says Was you out with my girl last nite and he says How do I know whose girl I was out with. I knew I was out with somehodys girl because she told me she ditched a guy for me but that don't prove none that I was out with your girl. Well when he said that I was pritty fashay to think she come rite out and told him she ditched me. So I said Was her name Marguerite and he said he thought it was. Well I said Here is where one or tother of us gors to the hospital and I started taking off my coat. Well he didn't wait to take off no coat because he didn't have none on. He started at mo and I just had time to take off my coat and smash him one on the law with some he his my revenge out on him if it hadn't been for the other cooks. That's the way with all cooks when one cook is getting the worst of it they all pitch in and help out one another. They have to do that of course because no hody else would fite for them. They are a hunch of law down hums that have to sifek up for themselves or get alone like the cooks and because of that they sometimes mix in with the cooks so as to have a little help once in a while themselves. And that's why it don't pay to fool with cooks and bromese of that they sometimes mix in with the cooks so as to have a little help once in a while themselves. And then't say it don't pay to fool with cooks and bromese of that they sometimes mix in with the cooks so as to have a little help once in a w on't put it down here rite Maggie might

Sunday, April 20.—Well I might as well 10th of May instead of the 15th. Heard that in and tell the hole thing just as it some more news today which a K.P. told appened because they is a lot of fellows how knows how it did happen and if I is a pretty good K.P. to bring my dinn-to me. He told me it was a to me. He told me it was the old Top's girl that cook was out with instead of

Private Spratt of S.O.S. fame says soldiering is a dog's life. "Pirst they make us wear dog tags and live in pup tents. As if that weren't enough, they want us to come out when they whistle."—Silent Salvo (77th Field Artillery).

## PIONEER MEMORIES IN ITALIAN P.E.S.

Couriers Who Slept and Ate When Lucky Agree With Sherman

When the main body of that fraction of the A.E.F. loaned to Italy penetrated the titchy tunnels of the Alps—missing the cenic beauties and fun Hamibal's men en-

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resent periodical, the first suggestion for the title came from an aident admirer of the old Dana publications, who proposed that it be named the "Sun." On account of the English word applying to too man; papers, however, he suggested the Latin word "Sol" for the sheet. To avoid mis-

Guest: Noodle soup, veal with tomato sauce, and a cream puff. Waiter (who has been at the front): Bowl of submarines, camouflage the calf, hurl me a custard grenade.—5th Division

It's dead pipe cinch to be cheerful
When you're sick or your mind is impaired
But the dub who will win
Is the bird who can grin
When his services "cannot be spared."
—Oil Can (M.T.C. Headquarters).

Cooking in France is a profession—in the E.F. it's a shade.—Arrow Head (36th

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